

Queensland Baptists COVID-19 Update 19 May 2020

As foreshadowed in our communication last week, the requirement for record keeping has been applied to places of worship, weddings and funerals. Please note the below excerpt from the [Non Essential Business Activity and Undertaking Closure No.10](#)



Weddings with a maximum attendance of 10 guests, with no more than one person per 4 square metres and social distancing observed to the extent possible. The couple and celebrant are in addition to the 10 attendees.

Contact information must be kept about all guests and staff for contact tracing purposes, including name, address, and mobile phone number for a period of at least 28 days. If requested, this information must be provided to public health officers. The information should be securely stored, not used for any other purpose, and deleted after 28 days.



Funerals attended by a maximum of 20 people indoors or 30 people outdoors with no more than one person per 4 square metres, except if an exemption is granted on compassionate grounds by the Chief Health Officer. A maximum of 3 people can conduct the funeral service in addition to the 20 indoor or 30 outdoor attendees. Note – the maximum number of people allowed at a funeral will be determined by whether a funeral is held indoors or outdoors. 30 outdoor guests cannot be in addition to 20 indoor guests.

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Private worship or small religious ceremonies at a place of worship with a maximum attendance of 10 people, with no more than one person per 4 square metres. Contact information must be kept about all guests and staff for contact tracing purposes, including name, address, and mobile phone number for a period of at least 28 days. If requested, this information must be provided to public health officers. The information should be securely stored, not used for any other purpose, and deleted after 28 days.



Live streaming of a wedding, funeral or other service may be conducted with the maximum number of people outlined above, including the camera operator, with social distancing observed.

A useful [FAQ](#) has been released in relation to this Direction, providing clarification for places of worship, to assist with understanding the updated restrictions.

We recognise the road back will require some careful traversing as we begin to process what changing restrictions mean in practice, and we look to be God honouring in our decisions and actions, remembering Ephesians 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Blessings,
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